



INDIANA OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Jacob Schpok, Executive Director

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Jennifer M. Kane
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100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501
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Dear Ms. Kane,

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship ("OSBE") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 13-335 proposed by the Department of Natural Resources ("NRC"). The proposed rule amends 312 IAC 6.2-1 and adds 312 IAC 6.2-2 to assist with implementation of Article 4 of IC 14-25-15-1 pertaining to water management and regulation under the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact to address registration and permitting of water withdrawal facilities; provide a voluntary conservation and efficiency program for water withdrawal facilities; provide mandatory conservation and efficiency programs for new and increased withdrawals, diversions, and consumptive uses; and otherwise comply with IC 14-25-15.

There would be no impact on small businesses for registration; permitting and water use reporting are set forth by IC 14-25-15 or by the proposed rule. The total annual economic impact to small businesses for compliance with these provisions of the proposed rule is anticipated to be minimal. OSBE does not object to the economic impact to small business associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232.5679 or ombudsman@osbe.in.gov.

Regards,

Jacob Schpok